



Mid-Cities Commodore Club
413 Chisolm Trail
Hurst, Texas 76054

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MCCC NEWS

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*** PRESIDENT'S NOTES ***

I'd first like to thank Gerry Barker of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for his program on STAR-TEXT at last month's meeting. Please remember that for each new STAR-TEXT subscriber who uses No. 23 on his/her application, our club receives \$5.00.

Our two classes of BASIC Programming are going very well. We have a total of 37 enrolled in the classes. A special thanks to Joe Kent, Education Chairman, and Steve Stockdale (also thanks to Garry W.-Ed.) for volunteering their time and work. Without this type of dedication and participation, our club activities would be much less.

For the September meeting, I'd like to ask for volunteers to help set up the tables and chairs before the meeting and putting them up after the meeting. For set-up, please be there by 1:00, and plan to stay till about 5:00 to clean up. Please help out the club officers - a little help goes a long way. Along the same lines, please be thinking about being an officer for next year. We need some names by the September meeting.

With the club membership approaching 300 and the end of the year just around the corner, I'd like to hear your ideas concerning a possible re-organization. One possibility is having area chapters such as Mid-Cities, Arlington, Ft Worth etc. We could have individual monthly meetings with quarterly meetings of the entire club. A board of directors could oversee the total club with each chapter electing their own officers. I feel that we must make some major changes by January and your ideas can help. We want to maintain our growth momentum, yet we also want to keep our activities as personal as possible.

For our September meeting, we will offer four mini-courses on topics of interest, including the use of Calc-Result, disk data storage, use of a character editor, and short cuts and helpful hints. Each will last about 20 minutes and you can attend two.

Garry

*** AUGUST MINUTES ***

Garry called the meeting to order. Bruce Nelson reported that we presently have \$1196 in the club treasury. As of August 20, we have a total of 231 members, 174/55/2.

Steve Stockdale reported that the newsletter this month was skimpy since few people sent in any articles. He urged members to contribute. David Sunkel reported that he had not yet developed a scheme for more easily distributing the club's software.

Jay, from United Network Services, offered club members free membership to his firm's long distance phone service. Club members may sign up to use the service and pay only for the long distance calls they make.

Garry announced that two classes in BASIC programming will be offered starting next Saturday. The classes will run for three 2-hour sessions. Harold Williams of UTA announced that UTA will be offering four computer classes this fall through their continuing education office.

Garry appealed for members to volunteer for club office for next year. The executive committee must offer to the club a proposed list of officers at the October meeting.

Gerry Barker of the STAR-TELEGRAM presented the program, discussing the new features of STAR-TEXT.

The meeting then adjourned to informal question and answers.

*** NEXT MEETING ***

The next meeting will be Sat, Sept 17, at the Hurst Rec Center. Our program will be a series of four mini-courses. You'll be able to attend two of the following 20-minutes classes:

- Review and discussion of CalcResult, an electronic spreadsheet for the C-64 by Cory Scott.
- How to store and retrieve data using a sequential file, by Steve Stockdale.
- Use of character editors by Fuzzy Wiest.
- Shortcuts and helpful hints by Garry Wordelman.

SOFTRAIDERS, a software trading club, is now taking applications for membership. To enter, you must donate 3 good programs along with a \$10 membership fee. In return, you'll receive a membership card, codeword, and access to the software library and club expertise. All trading will be through the mail or via modem. Members will be sent a list of the software available and a club directory. Membership lasts for 6 months. Call Shaun Clark (283-5507) for VIC-20 and Jimmy Erickson (571-4893) for C-64.

PAT CROWLEY has the following programs available to trade:

- 10 Menu
- 4 DOS 5.1
- 5 Function Keys
- 29 Shopping List
- 21 Checkers
- 4 64 Searcher
- 91 Fingerspell
- 10 Checkbook
- 7 Alphabug
- 70 Latin
- 28 Program Lister
- 4 Alphabet Sort
- 4 Modem

WANTED: CHESS GAME FOR C-64. Disk or tape, cash or trade. Call Bob Carter, 485-1178 after 9:00pm.

FOR SALE: MONITOR. BMC green monochrome monitor, mint condition, 5 months old, easy on your eyes for word processing, etc. Paid \$115, will sacrifice for \$75. Includes cable. Chuck Laue, 284-3033.

TRANSLATE TI99/4A programs to the C-64? If you're interested in making some money translating TI business application programs for the C-64, call Bill Arneson of Creative Computing at 214 767-7551.

VIC-20 USERS. Ken Westbrook reports that Volume 4 of the Public Domain software is now available. Send \$10 to:

PUBLIC DOMAIN, INC
5025 S. Rangeline Road
West Milton, OH 45383
(513) 698-5638

Future volumes will be available October 1st and December 1st.

Ken also says that he will have a schematic diagram available at the next meeting for a device which will allow you to use a standard cassette recorder with your computer.

*** EDITORIAL ***

A few of the club members are becoming quite well known. This is because only a few people are contributing. Each month, the same people send me articles, programs, items of interest, etc. What are the rest of you doing? With the end of the year approaching, it's time for you to consider increasing your participation by running for office. The club has grown like the national debt and we'll need new and fresh ideas in the future. Think about it. In the meantime, are you receiving more than you're contributing?

*** UTA COMPUTER CLASSES ***

Harold Williams of UTA announces that the following classes will be offered through the continuing education. Each course will cost \$55 plus \$2 for a decal. For registration information, contact the UTA office for continuing education. Enrollment is limited, so hurry.

C-64 GAME PROGRAMMING	Sep 28 - Oct 26 Nov 2 - Dec 7	6:30-8:30pm, WED 6:30-8:30pm, WED
INTRODUCTION TO ELECTRONIC SPREADSHEETS	Sep 26 - Oct 24 Oct 31 - Nov 28	7:00-9:00pm, MON 7:00-9:00pm, MON
INTRODUCTION TO WORD PROCESSING	Sep 27 - Oct 25 Nov 1 - Nov 29	7:00-9:00pm, TUE 7:00-9:00pm, TUE
INTRODUCTION TO BASIC PROGRAMMING	Sep 29 - Oct 27 Nov 3 - Dec 8	7:00-9:00pm, THU 7:00-9:00pm, THU

*** CORRECTION TO EASY SAVE DOS WEDGE ***

Roy Baker reports that the following correction to the wedge program published in the August newsletter is required.

Prior to Step 2, add Step 1a:

1a. Find the start of variables

PRINT PEEK (45) + 256 * PEEK (46)

Add 860 to the result. (New start place)

POKE 46, (New start)/256

POKE 45, (New start) - 256 * PEEK (46)

Now proceed to Step 2.

*** STAR-TEXT ORDER FORM ***

Name: Computer: C-64 VIC-20 PET

Address:

City:

Zip:

Phone No.:

Enclosed is \$23.85 for my first 3 months.

I am joining through the MID-CITIES COMMODORE CLUB (#23).

Please detach and mail to: STARTEXT
P.O. Box 1870
Fort Worth, TX 76101

BULK RATE
U.S. Postage
PAID
Bedford, TX
Permit No. 32

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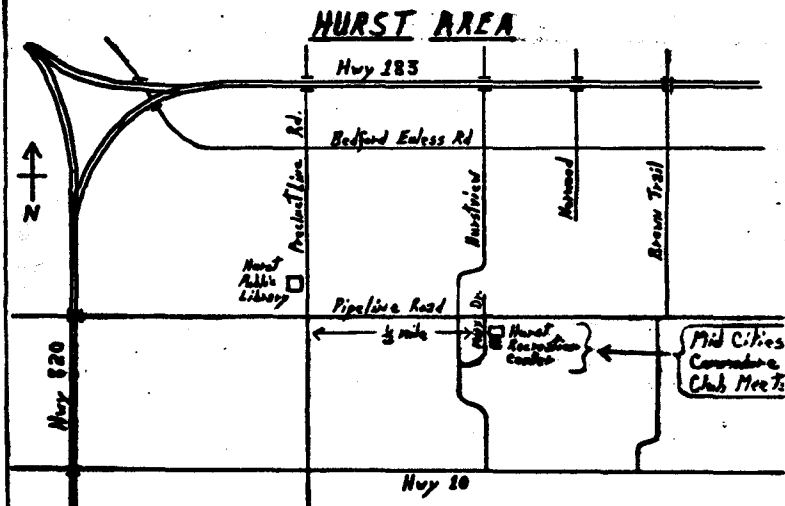
Modem Leader	George Crowley
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C-64 Group Leader	Fuzzy Wiest
C-64 Group Leader	Bryan Foley
C-64 Group Leader	Diane Dews
VIC Group Leader	Ken Westbrook
VIC Group Leader	Bobby Richards

*** EXECUTIVE MEETING ***

There will be an important meeting of all officers and chairmen and Sat, Oct 1st, 10:00am, at 413 Chisolm Trail in Hurst. Please attend.

*** NEXT MEETING ***

Sat, Sept 17th, 1:30
Hurst Recreation Center
PROGRAM: Mini-courses



HURST RECREATION CENTER

700 MARY DRIVE